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Mauer Oehling

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1. [redacted] the NCO school of the 344th How. Arty. Regt. at Kauholz near Allensteig /N 48-41, E 15-18/ [redacted] CW training [redacted] Every Thursday during [redacted] training [redacted] wear gas masks. [redacted] began by wearing the mask for only 15 minutes, but by the end of the course [redacted] wearing the mask for six consecutive hours. In February 1952 the entire NCO school went through the gas chamber. This chamber was one of the rooms of an abandoned barracks in Camp Kauholz. [redacted] passed through the gas chamber, 10-15 men at a time. The gas chamber was bare and all the windows were closed. [redacted] there were two large metal cans painted green. [redacted] the gas came from them. [redacted] The time officially required to don the gas mask was 38 seconds; actually it took slightly longer. 25X1
2. Before every inspection by an officer from higher headquarters /u/17, [redacted] a senior sergeant of the school gave [redacted] a two-hour lecture on CW. The lecture covered the following: proper wearing of the gas mask; proper wearing and use of the protective poncho and protective rug, and what to do when the gas mask or protective clothing was perforated or ripped. There were no instructional aids or textbooks. 25X1

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3. All soldiers of the Soviet Army were issued the following CW equipment: rubber gas mask similar to ShM-1 with corrugated rubber hose and a metal canister Enclosure A; canvas bag with shoulder strap for the gas mask; protective poncho, made of impregnated paper, approximately 150 cm. square; and a soap (mylniy) crayon anti-dim stick against glass fogging. The protective poncho and crayon were carried in the canvas bag. No other CW equipment was issued.
4. In December 1952 [ ] a demonstration of regimental equipment at Mauer Oehling. The following CW equipment was shown:
  - a. Chemically treated green socks, worn over boots.
  - b. Black rubber boots, worn with protective clothing.
  - c. Black rubber gloves, worn with protective clothing.
  - d. Impregnated canvas rug, approximately 175 cm. long and 100 cm. wide, used in crossing contaminated areas. [ ] such rugs would be issued to the troops in case of war. 25X1
  - e. Protective suit, made of impregnated rubber cloth Enclosure B. We were told that only chemical scouts were issued these suits.
  - f. CW kit, made of metal and painted green, approximately 30 x 25 x 20 cm. It contained the following items: a round metal can, painted black; a round metal can, painted red; several test tubes; and a piece of white cloth. We were told that this kit was issued to machine gunners only, in order for them to disinfect their weapons. First, contents of the black can were to be rubbed over the machine gun, then the contents of the red can, and then the gun was to be wiped clean with the white cloth. [ ] 25X1
  - g. CW kit, similar to the one [ ] just described, but larger. [ ] this kit was issued to artillery gunners. The same methods were to be employed for the decontamination of an artillery piece. 25X1 25X1
  - h. A decontamination tank, carried on the back of CW scouts Enclosure C.
  - i. Detection devices: [ ] some kind of crimson paper, an instrument resembling a thermometer, and several test tubes. [ ] 25X1 25X1
  - j. Markers used to indicate contaminated areas Enclosure C.
  - k. A 200 gr. smoke stick made of cardboard, approximately 25 cm. long and 5 cm. in diameter. It was painted white. [ ] 25X1 25X1
  - l. A five kilogram smoke bomb Enclosure C. Special matches were used to ignite these bombs. The ignited match was inserted in one of the holes on top of the bomb. This bomb produced

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smoke for approximately five minutes.

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- m. A 40 kg. smoke bomb [Enclosure C7], to be ignited by matches, as in the case of the five kilogram smoke bomb. This bomb produced smoke for approximately 15 minutes.

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- o. [ ] there were mortar and artillery smoke and gas shells [ ]

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Enclosures:

- A. Soviet Army Gas Mask
- B. Soviet Army Chemical Warfare Protective Suit
- C. Soviet Army Chemical Warfare Equipment

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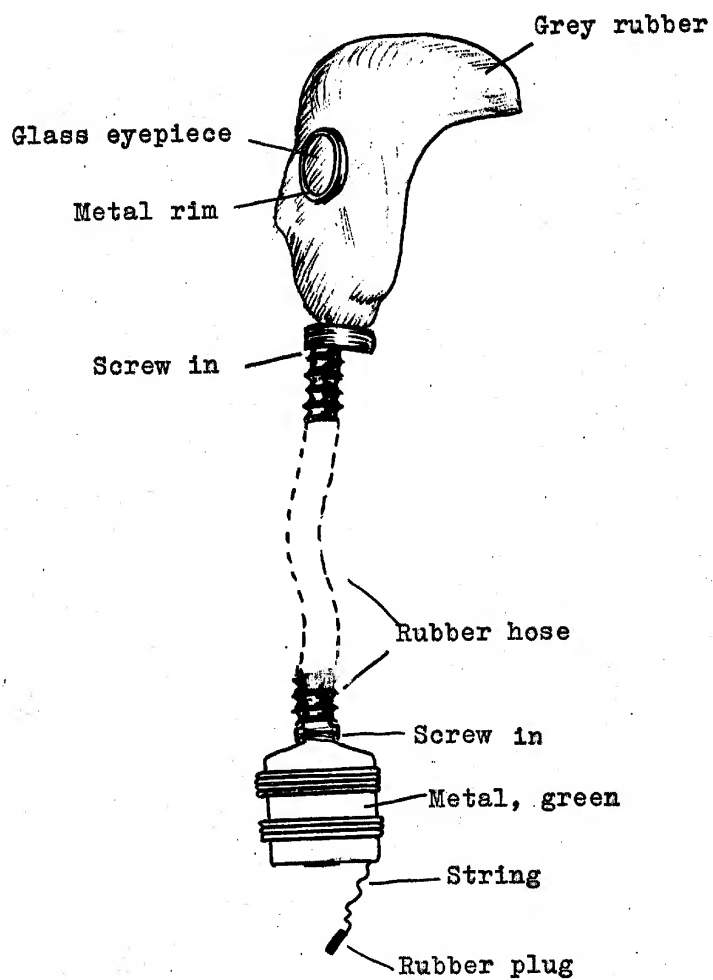
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Enclosure A

Soviet Army Gas Mask



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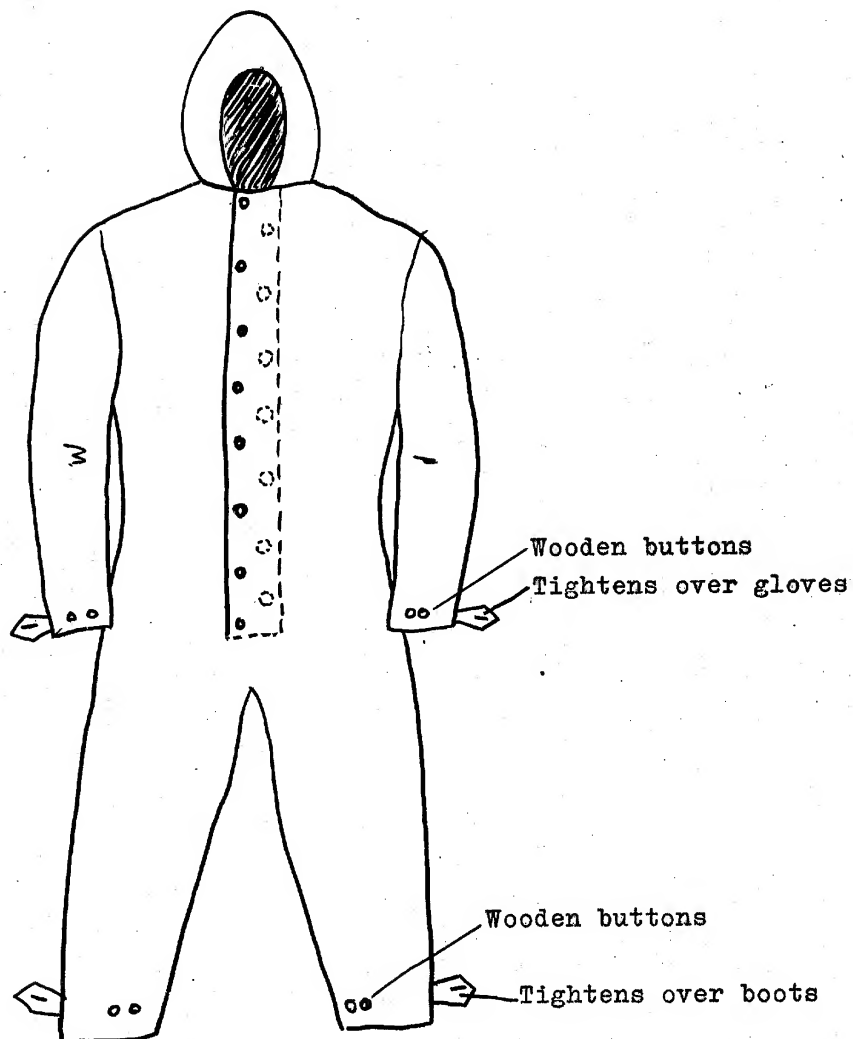
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Enclosure B

Soviet Army Chemical Warfare Protective Suit



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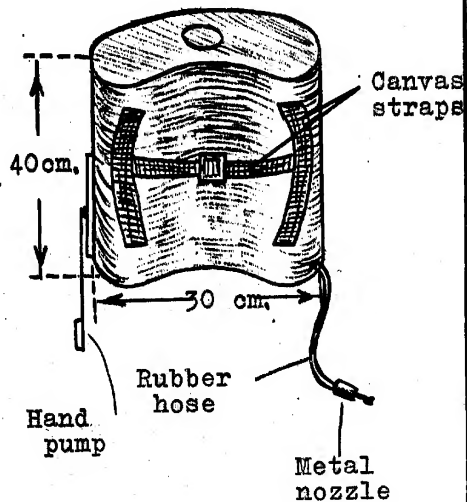
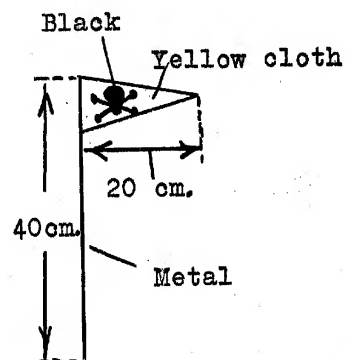
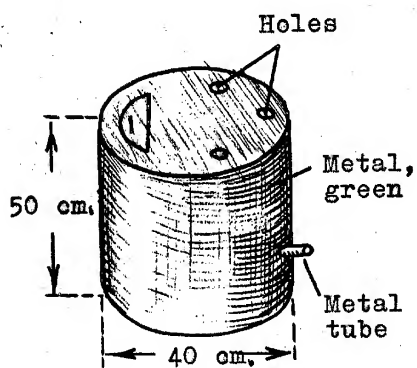
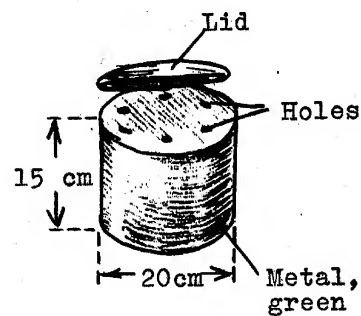
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## Enclosure C

## Soviet Army Chemical Warfare Equipment

Decontamination Spray Tank

Metal, green

CW Marker40 kg. Smoke Bomb5 kg. Smoke Bomb

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